

Statement of Martin Sbriglio
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Sen. Handley, Rep. Sayers and members of the committee:

My name is Martin Sbriglio. I am president of the Connecticut Alliance of Subacute Healthcare Facilities, which is comprised of nursing home facilities operated by Ryder's Health Systems and one other company. We were established as a Connecticut Alliance last year.

I am asking that you add an amendment to HB 5710 that will allow our Alliance to offer Continuing Education courses. As you know, nursing home administrators have a continuing education requirement. By taking this action, you will be giving nursing home administrators and other personnel more options for obtaining CEUs. Right now, the statute limits the entities who can offer courses, so you would need to add us in.

There are a limited number of seminars in the community. With the rapid pace of change in the health care system, we need as many opportunities as possible to keep on top of developments. Our organization, the Connecticut Alliance of Subacute Healthcare Facilities, is dedicated to quality health care and this change will help us to do our jobs even better. Please support more educational opportunities for the profession. I am providing a copy of the proposed amendment with this testimony. Thank you.

Sec. 19a-515. (Formerly Sec. 19-596). License renewal. Continuing education requirement.

(b) Each licensee shall complete a minimum of forty hours of continuing education every two years. Such two-year period shall commence on the first date of renewal of the licensee's license after January 1, 2004. The continuing education shall be in areas related to the licensee's practice. Qualifying continuing education activities are courses offered or approved by the Connecticut Association of Healthcare Facilities, the Connecticut Association of Not-For-Profit Providers for the Aging, the Connecticut Alliance of Subacute Healthcare Facilities, the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators, the Association For Long Term Care Financial Managers or any accredited college or university, or programs presented or approved by the National Continuing Education Review Service of the National Association of Boards of Examiners of Long Term Care Administrators, or by federal or state departments or agencies.